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221022 Z JUN 73 FROM CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG BEING REPEATED FOR
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SUBJECT: SOVIET ACCREDITATION FOR MLM (U)

A. CINCUSAREUR MSG, AEAGB- C, 201421 Z MAY 73 (C) NOTAL

B. CINCUSAREUR MSG, AEAGB- C, 201539 Z JUN 73 (C)

1. (C) DURING MEETING WITH CHIEF, SERB ON 20 JUN 73, CHIEF, USMLM
WAS SHOWN A NEW SOVIET ACCREDITATION DOCUMENT WHICH WAS SLIGHTLY
DIFFERENT IN COLOR AND TYPE STYLE THAN THE ONE PREVIOUSLY
INTRODUCED.

CHIEF, SERB COMMENTED THAT PASSES WOULD BE CHANGED SOON. CHIEF,
SERB

SAID THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE FOURTH PAGE (DESCRIBED IN REF A)
WOULD BE DELETED AND THAT THE CHIEF OF STAFF, GSFG WOULD
AUTHENTICATE

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THE PASSES INSTEAD OF CHIEF, SERB, AND HE ASKED CHIEF, USMLM TO
INFORM HIS HQS. WHEN ASKED IF THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL SOVIET POSITION,
CHIEF, SERB REPLIED IT WAS. CHIEF, USMLM ASKED, " YOU ARE PROPOSING
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TO TAKE OUT THIS REFERENCE TO THE ACCREDITATION BEING A PASS AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE MISSION MEMBER TO FREE TRAVEL IN THE AREA OF THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY?" CHIEF, SERB REPLIED THAT THIS CHANGED NOTHING.

2. (C) JUDGING FROM A DATE PRINTED ON THE DOCUMENT, THE PASS WAS APPARENTLY PRINTED IN 1971. ALSO, THE NAME OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, GSFG HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR THAT OF THE FORMER CHIEF, SERB, COL GRECHISHKIN.

3. (C) ALTHOUGH IT WAS ON THE OLD, ACCEPTED FORMAT, WHEN A NEW PASS WAS PICKED UP FOR A BRXMIS OFFICER RECENTLY, IT WAS INDICATED THAT THE SUPPLY OF OLD PASSES HAD BEEN DEPLETED AND THAT IN THE FUTURE ALL PASSES WOULD BE THE NEW STYLE.

4. (C) ALTHOUGH THIS HQS WOULD PREFER RETENTION OF THE EXISTING PASS, DELETION OF THE OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPH IS AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE GIVEN CHIEF, SERB ASSURANCES THAT NOTHING WOULD BE CHANGED. ANTICIPATING THAT GSFG WILL SOON INSIST ON A COMPLETE EXCHANGE OF PASSES, OR USMLM WILL BE FORCED TO REQUEST NEW

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ACCREDITATION, THIS HQS RECOMMENDS THAT CHIEF, USMLM BE PERMITTED TO INDICATE HQS ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW PASS BASED ON CHIEF, SERB; S STATEMENT.

5. (U) REQUEST CONCURRENCE ASAP.

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